

Destination Family Youth Permanence Project 2003-2008

Project Objective

No Sacramento County child will age-out of foster care system without a permanent family connection

Success Rate

82 out of 104 (79%) project teens have permanent family connections to date. More in process

Current Objective

Obtain widespread support to continue and expand project by reinvesting savings achieved

- Federally funded demonstration project serving Sacramento County foster youth age 11-14
- Dynamic, effective public/private collaboration
- Federal Funding Sunsets September 30, 2008
- Cost savings to county to date **\$176,000**; Cost savings to county by time same youth reach 18: **\$281,091**
- **Potential annual savings: \$9,072,000**
- Provides Fundamental Child Welfare System Improvements
- Achieves Better Outcomes for Youth Growing Up in Foster Care
- Creates Immediate Significant Reductions in Sacramento County Foster Care Costs
- Federal Grant Proposal Stated That the County Intended to Continue the Program By Reinvesting Realized Savings
- **Viable Options to Leverage Small Investment of County Funds to Bring Down Federal, State and Donor dollars AND Recover County Investment .in the Same Year**
- **Provides Fundamental Budget Reform by Spending on Projects That Improve Outcomes and Recover Cost in the Same Fiscal Year**